

ORDINARY MEETING.

FRIDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER, 1899.

W. T. BLANFORD, LL.D., F.R.S., etc., President, in the Chair.

Robert Lightfoot and William Neville Sturt were elected to membership of the Society.

The following communications were read:—

1. "On some Marine Shells from Pondoland and The Kowie, with descriptions of seventeen new species." By G. B. Sowerby, F.L.S., etc.

2. "Remarks on a collection of Helicoid Land-Shells from Japan and the Loo-Choo Islands." By G. K. Gude, F.Z.S., etc.

3. "*Metostracon*, a new slug-like genus of Dart-bearing Helicidæ." By Henry A. Pilsbry.

Mr. E. R. Sykes exhibited a very large specimen of *Cyclophorus eximius*, Mouss., from Java; also specimens of *Subulina octona* obtained living in the forcing pits at Kew Gardens.

Mr. B. B. Woodward exhibited specimens of *Subulina Goodallii* obtained alive in England.

Mr. M. F. Woodward exhibited specimens of the animal and shell of *Tridacna*, and drew attention to the peculiar position of the axes of the body in relation to the shell. He also showed some very large specimens of *Acera bullata*, with its spawn, obtained at Ballynakil, co. Galway; as well as some very dark varieties of *Helix aspersa* and some shells of *Ianthina*, both obtained living at Inishbofin, co. Galway.

Mr. G. B. Sowerby and Mr. G. K. Gude placed specimens on the table in illustration of their respective papers.

ORDINARY MEETING.

FRIDAY, 8TH DECEMBER, 1899.

W. T. BLANFORD, LL.D., F.R.S., etc., President, in the Chair.

A. J. Jukes-Browne, B.A., F.G.S., etc., P. W. Jarvis, and Harold S. Mort were elected to membership of the Society.

The following communications were read:—

1. "On the Anatomy of *Hemiplecta Floweri*, Smith, from Perak, with notes on some other Eastern genera." By Lieut.-Col. H. H. Godwin-Austen, F.R.S., etc.

2. "Note on *Ampullaria Brohardi*, Granger." By E. A. Smith, F.Z.S., etc.

3. "Description of a new species of *Leptopoma*, from Borneo." By E. A. Smith, F.Z.S., etc.

4. "Note on the Anatomy of *Zonites Rollei*, Kobelt." By W. E. Collinge, F.Z.S., etc.

5. "On some recent Conchological Discoveries in Victoria." By Mrs. A. F. Kenyon.

Mr. B. B. Woodward exhibited a copy of the rare "Museum Boltenianum."

Mr. E. R. Sykes exhibited a series of Mollusca from the Carniolian-Corinthian Caves.

Mr. G. B. Sowerby exhibited the original type of *Conus patriceus*, Hinds, with specimens of *C. pyriformis*, Reeve, of various sizes, showing that the former was in all probability only a young example of the latter. Also, on behalf of M. Dautzenberg, a sinistral example of *Voluta scapha*, believed to be unique.

Mr. M. F. Woodward exhibited specimens of *Stylifer brunneus*, Tate, parasitic on *Strongylocentrotus*, from Port Phillip, with drawings of its protoconch. Also a collection of the common marine molluscs from Inishbofin, co. Galway, which he thought suggested that the mollusca of that district had a tendency to grow to a large size.

Mr. E. A. Smith and Mrs. Kenyon exhibited specimens, and Lieut.-Col. Godwin-Austen and Mr. W. E. Collinge drawings, in illustration of their respective papers.

ORDINARY MEETING.

FRIDAY, 12TH JANUARY, 1900.

W. T. BLANFORD, LL.D., F.R.S., etc., President, in the Chair.

Mr. W. Crouch and Dr. H. Woodward were appointed auditors of the accounts of the Society for the year 1899.

Dr. W. G. Ridewood, F.Z.S., etc., was elected to membership of the Society.

The following communications were read:—

1. "On some recent Gastropoda referred to the Family Turritellidæ and their supposed relationship to the Murchisoniidæ." By Miss J. Donald.

2. "On the Anatomy of *Turritella communis*." By W. B. Randles, B.Sc.

3. "Note on *Strombus Belutschiensis*, Melvill." By E. A. Smith, F.Z.S., etc.

4. "Remarks on some Land-Shells from Central and South America, with descriptions of a new species of *Cyclophorus* from Costa Rica and new species of *Glandina*." By S. I. Da Costa.

5. "On some forms of *Cypræa*." By Mrs. A. F. Kenyon.

Mr. E. R. Sykes exhibited, on behalf of Mr. H. B. Preston, specimens showing the identity of *Conus splendidulus*, Sowerby, with *C. luctificus*, Reeve.

Mr. B. B. Woodward exhibited, on behalf of the Rev. Canon Merle Norman, specimens collected by Mr. Pickering in the Thames some fifty years ago and labelled "*Hydrobia castanea*." Mr. Woodward pointed out that two of the specimens were referable to *Paludestrina ventrosa*, Mont., and two to *P. Jenkinsi*, Smith. The importance of the exhibit lay in the fact that all doubt was now removed as to the nature of the "*Rissoa castanea*, ? Jeff.," figured by Sowerby, to which allusion had lately been made in the Society's Proceedings (vol. iii, pp. 298-9).

Mr. E. A. Smith exhibited the shell of a large specimen of *Pleurotomaria Beyrichii*, Hilgendl., from Japan, and Mr. M. F. Woodward exhibited the animal taken from the same shell, drawing attention to the very small, multispiral, horny operculum and other features of interest.

Specimens and drawings in illustration of their papers were placed upon the table by the respective authors.